

honor to be a guest on his show. The excellent journalism practiced by Eichten and MPR is even more important today, because it has become a rarity in today's media landscape.

A testament to his notable career is the "Heckuva Farewell" planned for Eichten on January 19 in St. Paul. The evening will begin with what Eichten does best, an interview, with a guest who happens to be a former Vice President—Walter Mondale. Following this interview, Eichten will have the microphone turned on himself as he is subject to an interview about his incredible career at MPR. I know Minnesotans are looking forward to this night.

As he retires after 45 years on Minnesota Public Radio, Eichten's voice will be missed, but his legacy of broadcasting excellence will continue. Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Gary Eichten, a Minnesota icon.

CLAIRTON BEARS PIAA CLASS A
STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Clairton Bears on another perfect high school football season and their third consecutive PIAA Class A state championship victory.

The Bears' win in Hershey, PA extended their current winning streak to 47 games, the longest in the nation at the high school, collegiate, and professional levels.

These outstanding achievements are the culmination of years of hard work and dedication on the part of the coaching staff and players.

The staff included head coach Tom Nola and assistant coaches Tim Bukowski, Jim Dumm, Eric Fusco, Marc Gambino, Wayne Wade, Jr., and Remondo Williams, Sr.

The players consisted of ten seniors—Trenton Coles, Devante Gardlock, Dakota Halcomb, Remondo Williams, Capri Thompson, Reuben Kelley, Carvan Thompson, Garrett Gallmore, Erik Walker, and Donte Thomas—as well as underclassmen Tyus Booker, Bryon Clifford, Terrish Webb, Titus Howard, Vinny Moody, Robert Boatright, Armani Ford, Ryan Williams, Damion Rump, Devontae Hammonds, Tyler Boyd, Esaias Hammonds, Hasson Petty, Devonte Harvey, Dyran Davenport, Kenny Mason, Garrett Santoline, Jordan Gresse, Vance Gibson, Robert Wellington, and Israel Melvin.

Pittsburgh is proud of the Clairton Bears for continuing the rich tradition of athletic success which our community has come to expect. I congratulate the Bears once again on their victory and flawless season, and I wish the returning players and coaches further success next season. Thank you.

IN HONOR OF MR. JOE DECARO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Joe DeCaro, an iconic produce

vendor at Cleveland's West Side Market for almost 80 years.

Joe's parents, Italian immigrants, opened the DeCaro vegetable stand at Cleveland's West Side Market in 1934. Joe began working at the produce stand at the age of seven with his siblings. Throughout college at The Ohio State University, he would come home to work the stand on weekends. The only period of time in which Joe did not work at the DeCaro stand was during his service in World War II.

For seventy-seven years Joe has been a fixture at the West Side Market, taking the stand over when his parents passed away. He has run the stand by his motto, which is mounted above his produce: "Good food is not cheap and cheap food is not good."

Today, Joe is the patriarch of a large and close-knit DeCaro family. He is married to his wife Rhea, and together they raised nine children. Joe is also the proud grandfather of 23 and great-grandfather to 14 children.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Mr. Joe DeCaro, one of the West Side Market's most iconic produce vendors.

IN MEMORY OF EDWARD D. FRY II

HON. MIKE ROSS

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. ROSS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a good friend and dedicated public servant who recently passed away. On Friday, Jan. 13, 2012, Edward "Ed" Fry, longtime congressional aide and Chief of Staff to three successive Arkansas Congressmen, died of cancer at the much too young age of 55. Ed worked so hard for his state and nation for more than 20 years that he eventually earned the honorary title of "Arkansas's Fifth Congressman."

I knew Ed Fry for many years and considered him a good friend since our days as active members of the Arkansas Young Democrats. In fact, we used to drive together across the state of Arkansas setting up Young Democrat chapters at colleges and universities wherever we could. Ed would later go on to serve as the President of the national chapter of the Young Democrats of America.

Considering himself a life-long "yellow dog" Democrat, politics and helping people were among Ed's top passions in life. So, when Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton decided to run for president in 1992, Ed jumped at the chance to help and joined an enthusiastic group of Clinton supporters—called the "Arkansas Travelers"—who traveled around the country to help elect the 42nd President of the United States.

Ed Fry was born in Illinois, but his family moved to Pine Bluff, Ark., in 1972, where his father worked as a naval architect. He enrolled in Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., as a 16-year-old student and graduated with his bachelor's degree in just three years. He went on to earn a J.D. from the University of Arkansas-Little Rock Bowen School of Law and a master's degree from Emory University in Atlanta, Ga.

Ed also proudly served his state and nation as a congressional staffer in our nation's capital for more than 20 years, serving as Chief of Staff to three successive Arkansas Con-

gressmen and as a mentor to dozens of young people over the years. He became such a staple in Arkansas politics and was such a strong and passionate advocate for the people of Arkansas that he eventually earned the nickname "Arkansas's Fifth Congressman."

When not working, Ed took to the waters and had a great passion for boating his entire life, even earning his USCG Masters "Captains" License at the young age of 18. He had such a humble, infectious personality that as a friend, I know we will all miss him dearly.

Ed made public service his career, life and passion. Arkansas and the nation are a better place because of the time, energy and life of Ed Fry. Cancer took from us a wonderful human being and a person who loved the American political system and who worked hard to make Arkansas and America a better place to call home.

My thoughts and prayers are with his partner of 17 years, Mark McCullough; parents, Edward and Patricia Fry; sisters, Leah Ann Taylor and Andrea Zomber; six nieces and nephews; and, the rest of his family and friends.

Today, I ask all Members of Congress to join me in honoring all of our congressional staffers who work hard every day for the people of this country. I also ask that they join me in honoring the life and legacy of an extraordinary congressional staffer and statesman, Ed Fry—"Arkansas's Fifth Congressman"—who will be deeply missed throughout the halls of Congress and throughout the state of Arkansas.

RECOGNITION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMHERST
BALLET THEATRE COMPANY OF
AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS

HON. JOHN W. OLVER

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 18, 2012

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the invaluable work that Amherst Ballet has done to advance the culture and education of communities in Massachusetts. Amherst Ballet was founded in 1971 by Therese Brady Donohue to give ballet lessons to 30 students in the old Amherst Junior High School building. In 1977 Donohue relocated her dance school to within walking distance of three Amherst public schools, appended two studios to it, gathered a board of directors and incorporated the Amherst Ballet Theatre Company as a non-profit corporation. In the ensuing years hundreds of children have been trained in ballet, modern and jazz dance and thousands of audience members have delighted in their performances. In 2000 the Theatre Company bought the dance school and became a non-profit entity known as Amherst Ballet. 2004 saw the retirement of Donohue and in the following year Amherst Ballet purchased the building in which it had been housed to firmly establish its permanent home. Catherine Fair joined Amherst Ballet's staff as a teacher in 1997, became its director upon Donohue's retirement and has steadily grown the annual enrollment to more than 200 students.